

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
James W. Nichol

Serial No.: 09/106,841

Filed: 06/30/98

For: ANGLED GRIPPING JOINT COMBINATION FOR SUPPORT STRUCTURES



July 15, 1999

Group Art Unit: 3600
Examiner: Richard M. Smith

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Further to the Office Action of 03/18/99 and the telephone communication with the Examiner in July 1, 1999 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT, as enclosed

IN THE SPECIFICATION, as enclosed

IN THE CLAIMS, as enclosed

REMARKS

By the subject amendment, the Applicant has made the required changes as follows:

1. The Abstract has eliminated the "means for" functional language and is now shorter than 250 words;
2. The Specification has all the informalities listed changed in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.
3. The Claims have been changed in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, as follows:
 - a) the "side flat beam from claim 1, line 5 has been changed to "side bracket beam"
 - b) the operation language "gripping means" has been changed to "gripper" throughout;

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